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A CITY-SPANNING CONFLICT THAT WILL CRACK THE BAT-FAMILY IN HALF!

BATMAN/CATWOMAN

THE GOTHAM WAR

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THE TWO-MONTH BATTLE BEGINS IN AUGUST WITH *BATMAN/CATWOMAN: THE GOTHAM WAR: BATTLE LINES* #1

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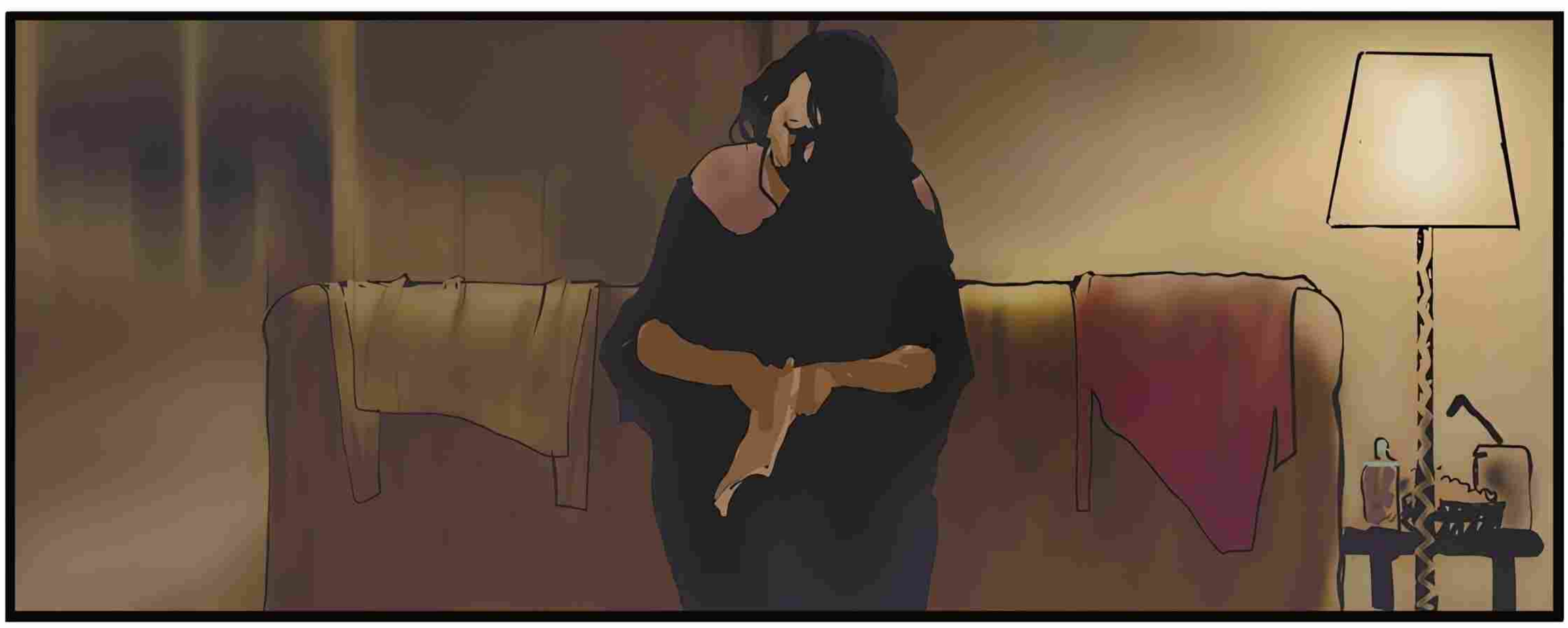
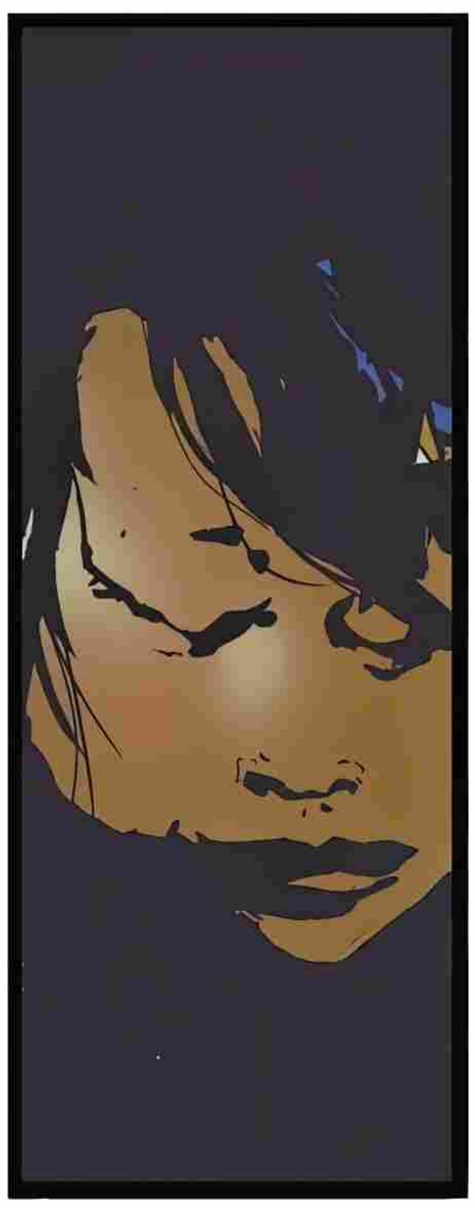
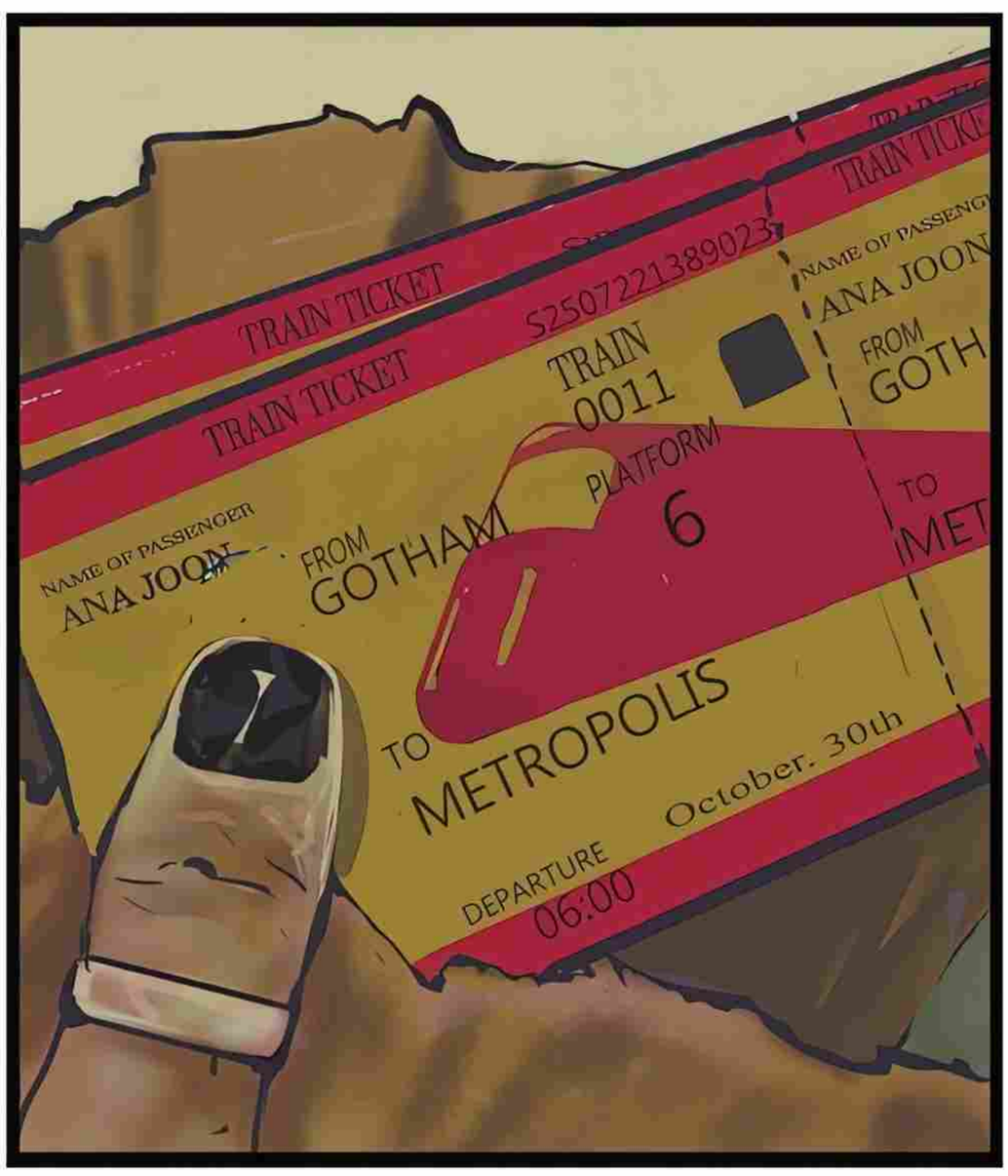
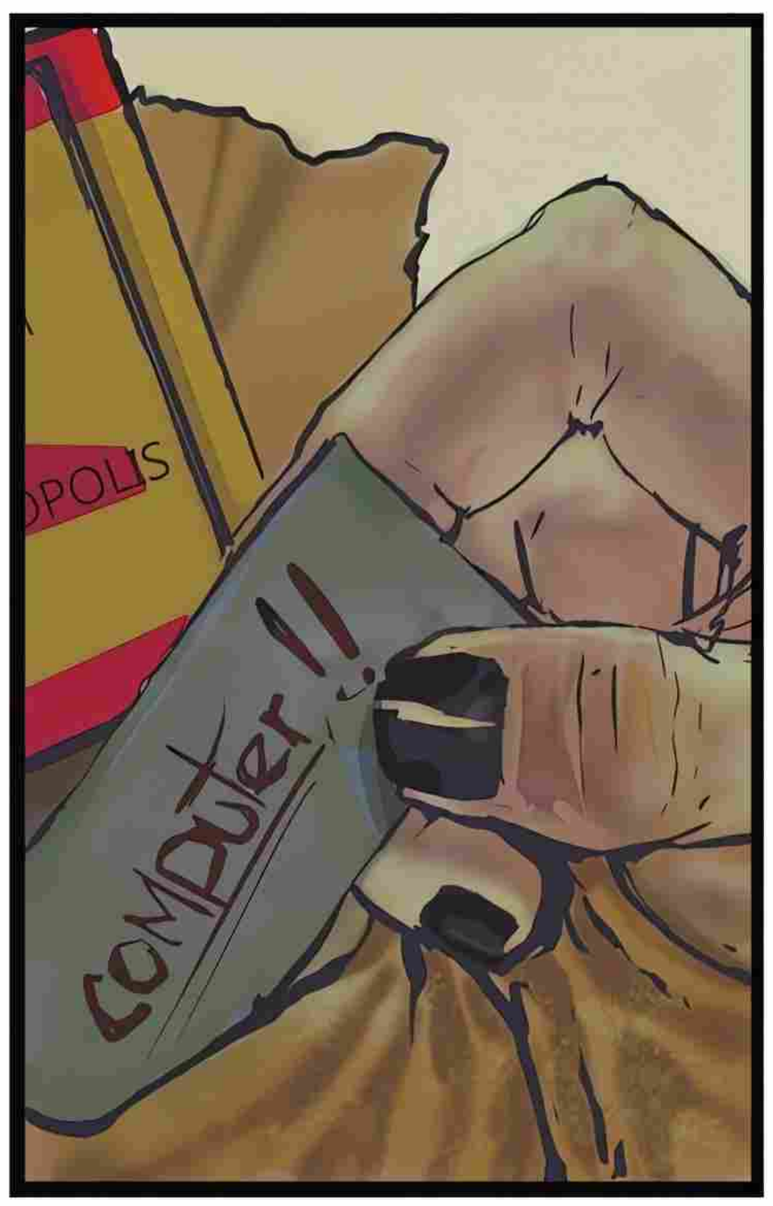
WHO IS IT?









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AJ> WHAT IS THIS?

<?> YOUR TICKET OUT OF HERE.

AJ> BUT THEY WILL COME AFTER ME!

<?> NO THEY WON'T. OCT 30 WILL BE YOUR LAST DAY AT WORK.
YOU WILL RECEIVE A PACKAGE. FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.
THEN GO TO TRAIN.

AJ> YOU ARE CRAZY! WHO ARE YOU?! IT'S NOT SAFE!

<?> I KNOW HOW THEY KILLED YOUR FATHER.

DEAR MOTHER...

...WHY DID YOU LEAVE ME?

OKAY, EVERYONE, FOLLOW ME.

THIS IS THE OLDEST PART OF THE HOSPITAL AND THE FIRST TO BE USED BY AMADEUS ARKHAM HIMSELF.

AND WHY DID THEY TAKE YOU HERE?

IS THIS WHERE HE WENT CRAZY?

JARED!

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN HIS GHOST?

THEY PUT YOU WITH THE CRAZIES.

AND THIS IS ONE OF THE VISITING CELLS.

WITH THE CRIMINALLY INSANE.

1-inch Plexy reinforced with Wire

KRSSSH

WERE YOU?

THAT'S THE MAXIMUM-SECURITY WING. ONLY SPECIALLY AUTHORIZED HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES ARE ALLOWED.

WELL, WHY ARE WE ALLOWED TO TOUR THIS PLACE IF IT'S SO DANGEROUS?

BECAUSE THEY'RE BROKE, KID. THIS CITY WILL DO ANYTHING FOR A DOLLAR.

AND THIS IS THE MEDICAL WING. IN THE 20TH CENTURY, THE WAYNE FAMILY DONATED MONEY TO HELP UPGRADE CERTAIN FACILITIES, AS THE ORIGINAL ROOMS WERE DEEMED INHUMANE.

THIS IS THEIR IDEA OF HUMANE?

DID *THEY* DO IT?

OR DID *YOU*?

I WILL COME HOME FOR A DIFFERENT REASON, MOTHER.

THE ARK WILL BE OUR LIFE RAFT.

WE WILL WATCH THE RATS DROWN...

...THEIR LITTLE FEET FLAILING AS THEY SINK.

Patrick

WHEN IT'S SAFE, HE AND I WILL BREAK OUT TOGETHER. AND WE WILL WALK INTO A BETTER WORLD.

The RIDDLER: Year One

Chapter 6

JUDGMENT DAY

ARKHAM ASYLUM

24th Oct Thursday,

I BELIEVE IN GOTHAM!

MAYOR

ONE WEEK UNTIL I UNMASK THE TRUTH.

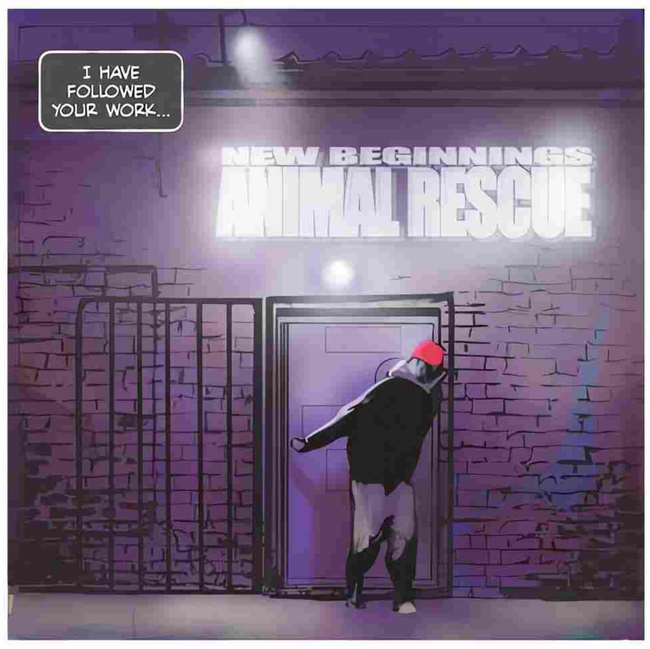
DRY RUNS.

FINAL TOUCHES.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF GOTHAM

ALL THE PIECES FIT.

MY MASTERPIECE. NEARLY READY.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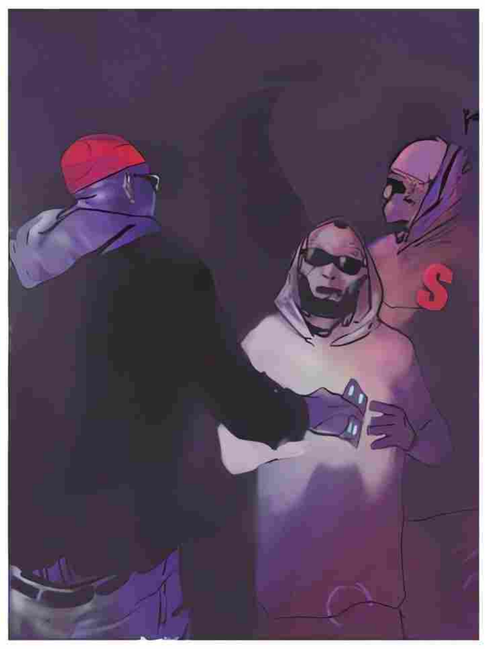
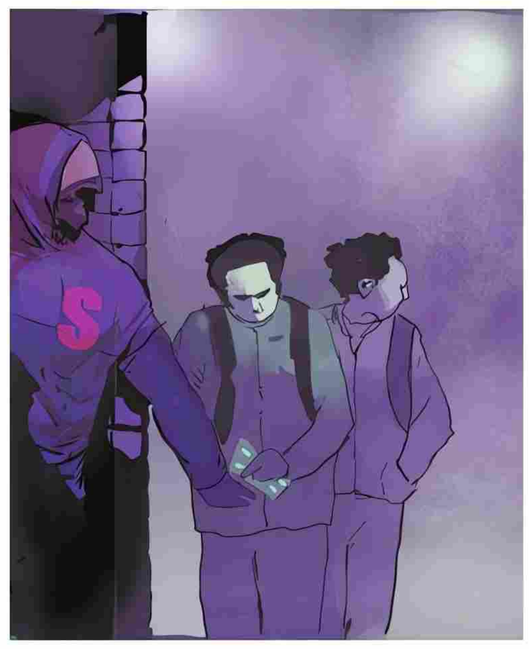
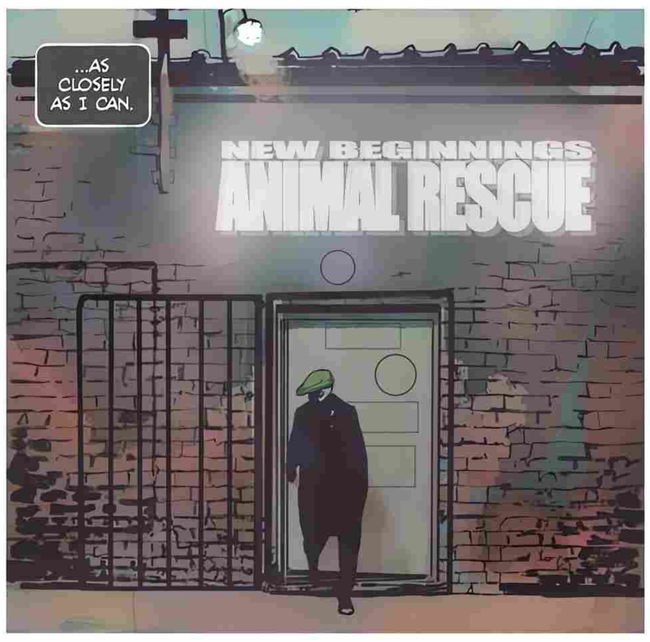
NEW BEGINNINGS
ANIMAL RESCUE



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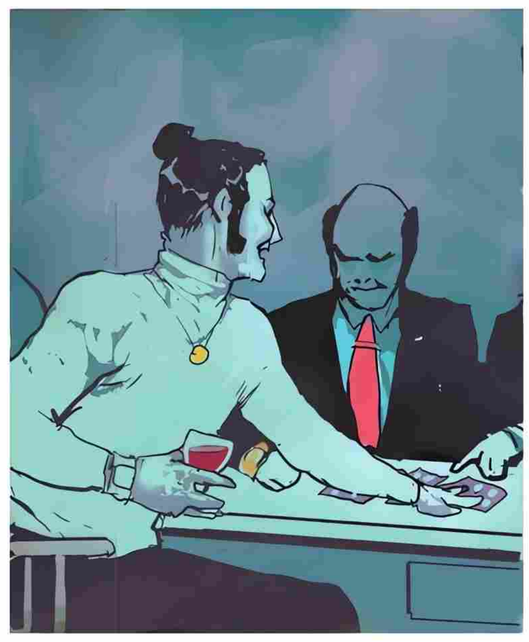
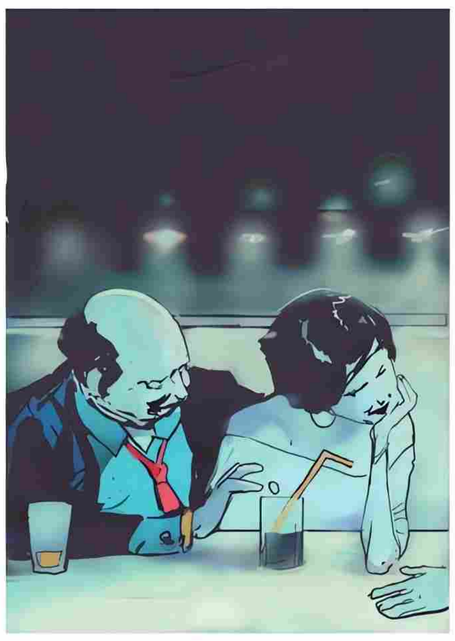
ANIMAL RESCUE





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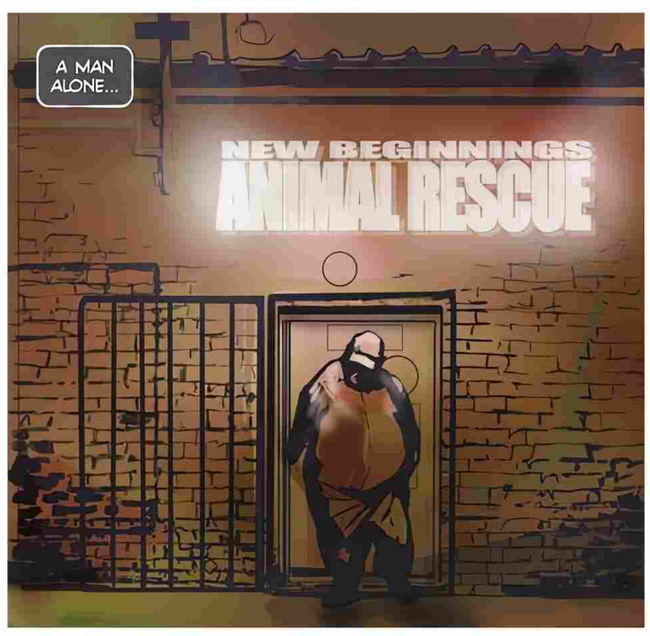
A MAN ALONE...
NEW BEGINNINGS
ANIMAL RESCUE

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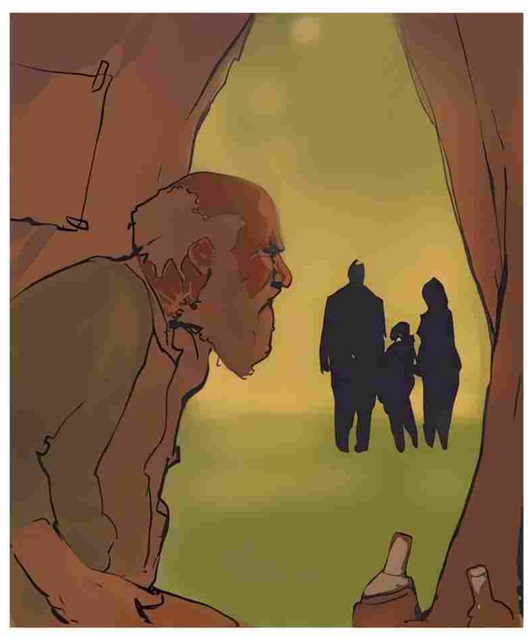

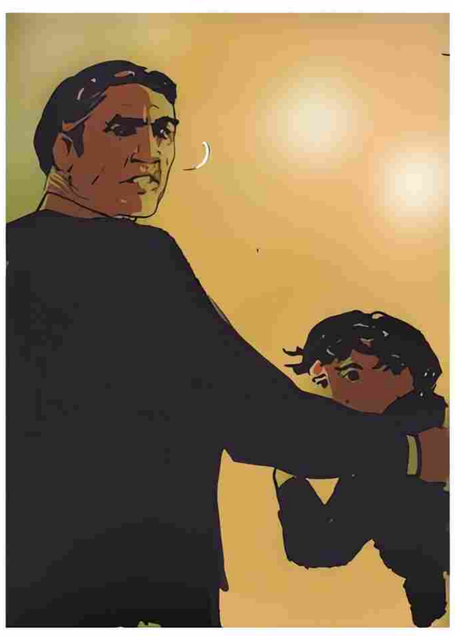

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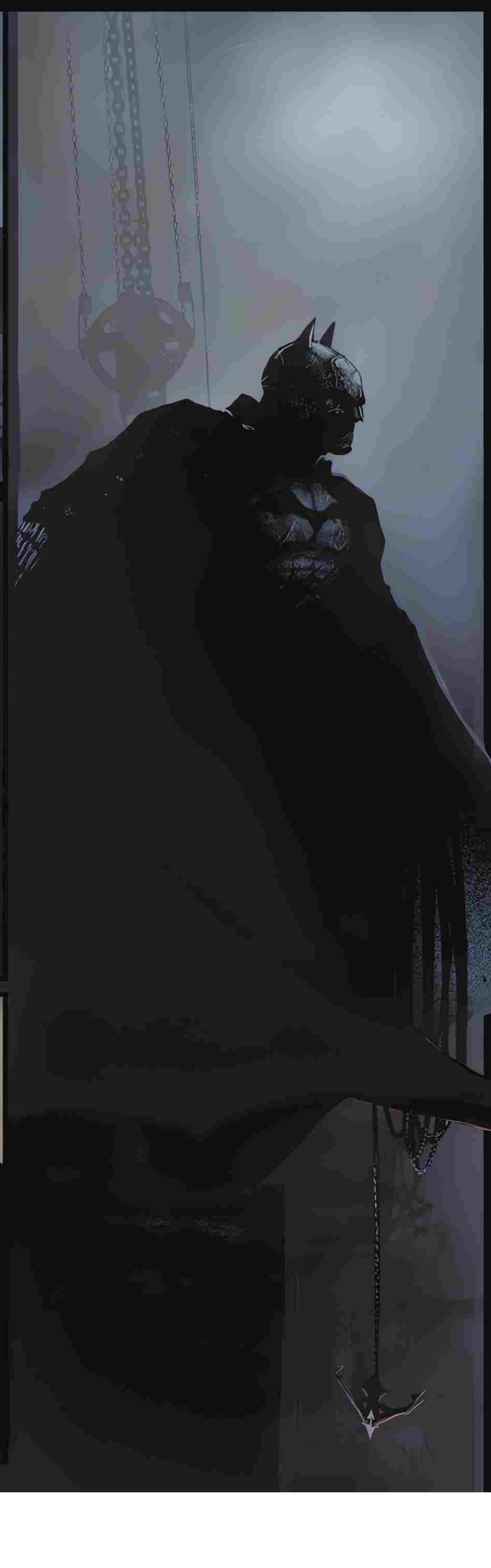
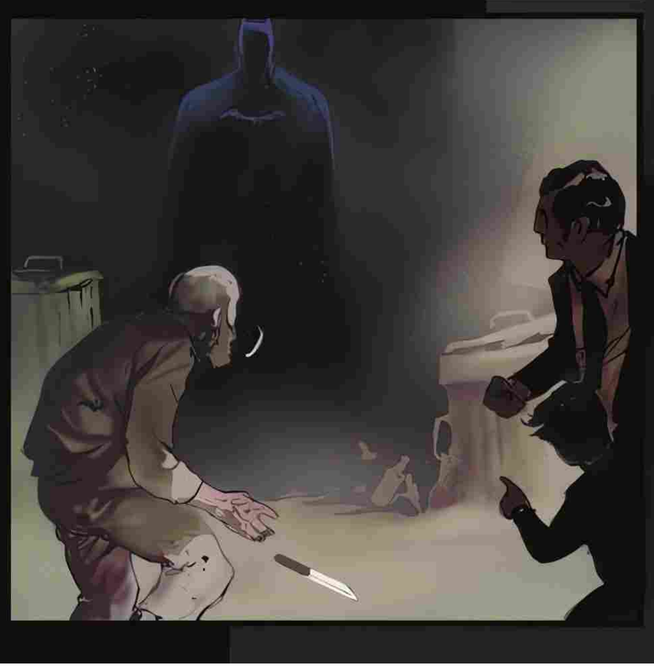
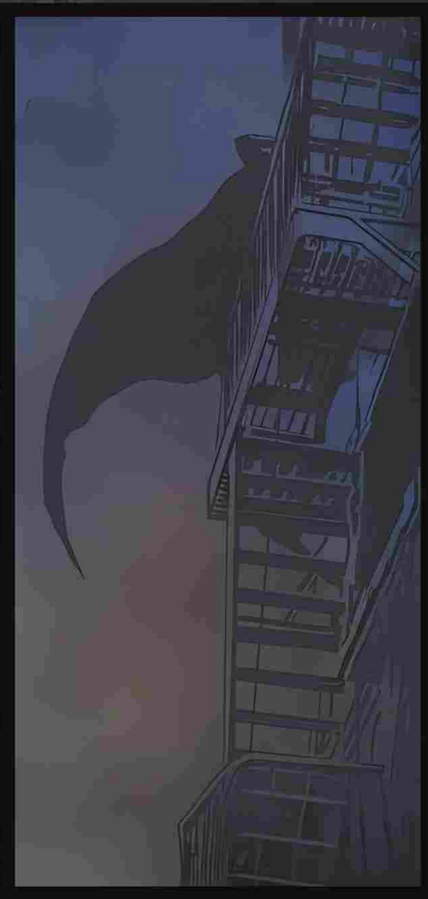
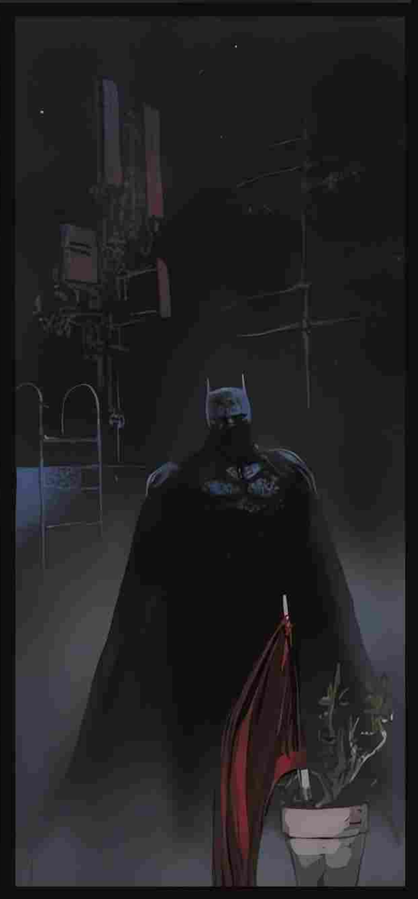


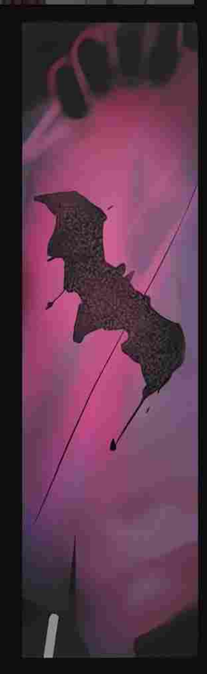


I HAVE TRIED TO REACH YOU...
HOTEL

...BUT ALL PREVIOUS METHODS FAIL.







UNTIL TOMORROW...

...WHEN YOU WILL FINALLY COME.

WHO ARE YOU?

ARE YOU JUST LIKE ME?

COULD YOU BE IN SOME BUILDING CLOSE BY...

...OR IN SOME WAREHOUSE ACROSS THE RIVER, WAITING FOR YOUR LIGHT TO HIT THE SKY?

ARE YOU ONE OF US?

WOULD I KNOW YOU IF I SAW YOU?

WHEN DO YOU SLEEP?

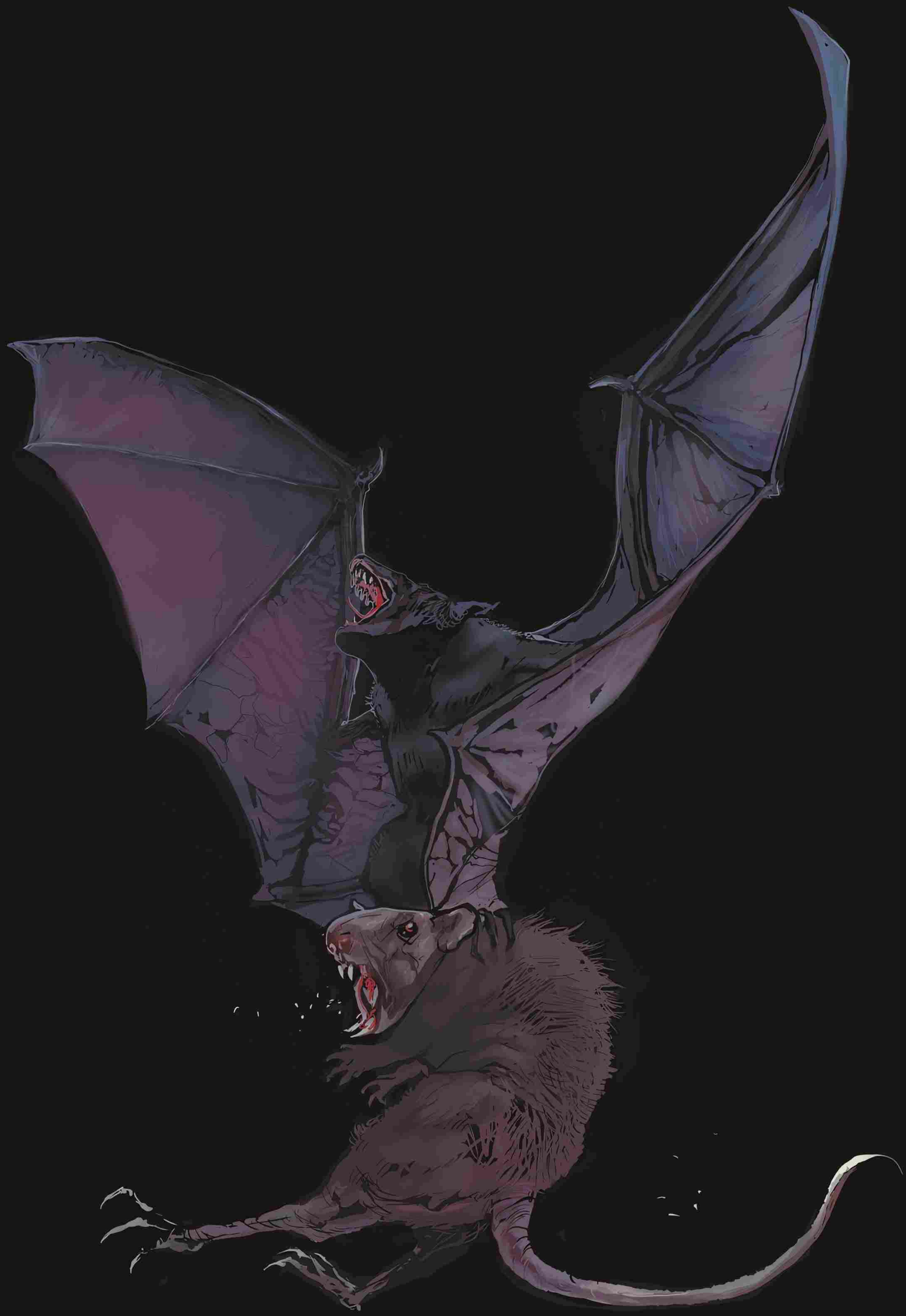
04:00 AM

07:00 AM

WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND?

AM I AWAKE, OR DREAMING?

SHHHH.
JUST BREATHE.



30th October

It's almost here! 1:13PM Wedn 30th Oct

» Ratsout
So excited I can't sleep! 1:38PM Wedn 30th Oct

» Gothamaxe
We are with you! 1:46PM Wedn 30th Oc

SUMMARY OF OTHER RECEIPTS

TAX-CREDIT & OTHER FUNDING	VAT REPAYMENTS	MISCELLANEOUS

I am somebody's hero:)

CAM 3

FOR ME?

COURIER

PATRICK PARKER

feed in back.
LEAVE door unlocked.

DON'T KEEP OZ WAITING.

I'M ON MY WAY.

FUCKIN' HATE THAT GUY.

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BEGINNINGS

ANIMAL RESCUE

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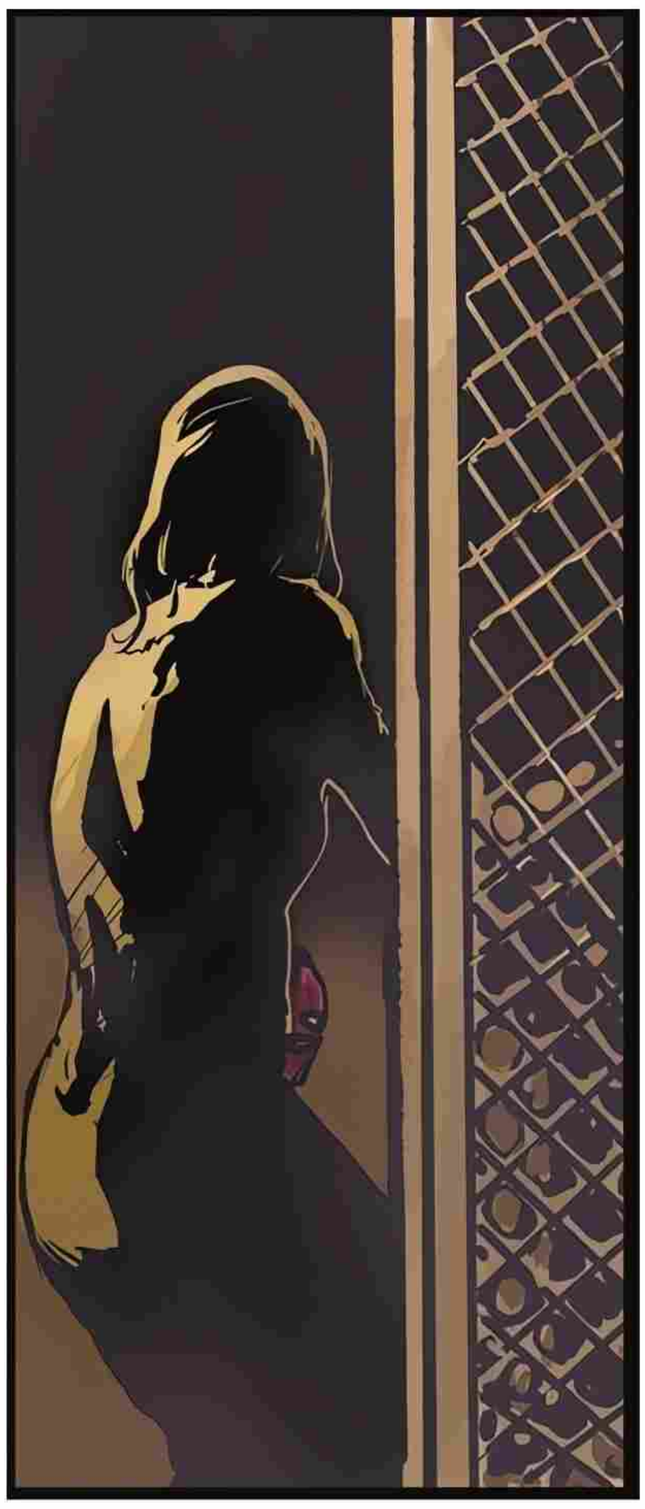

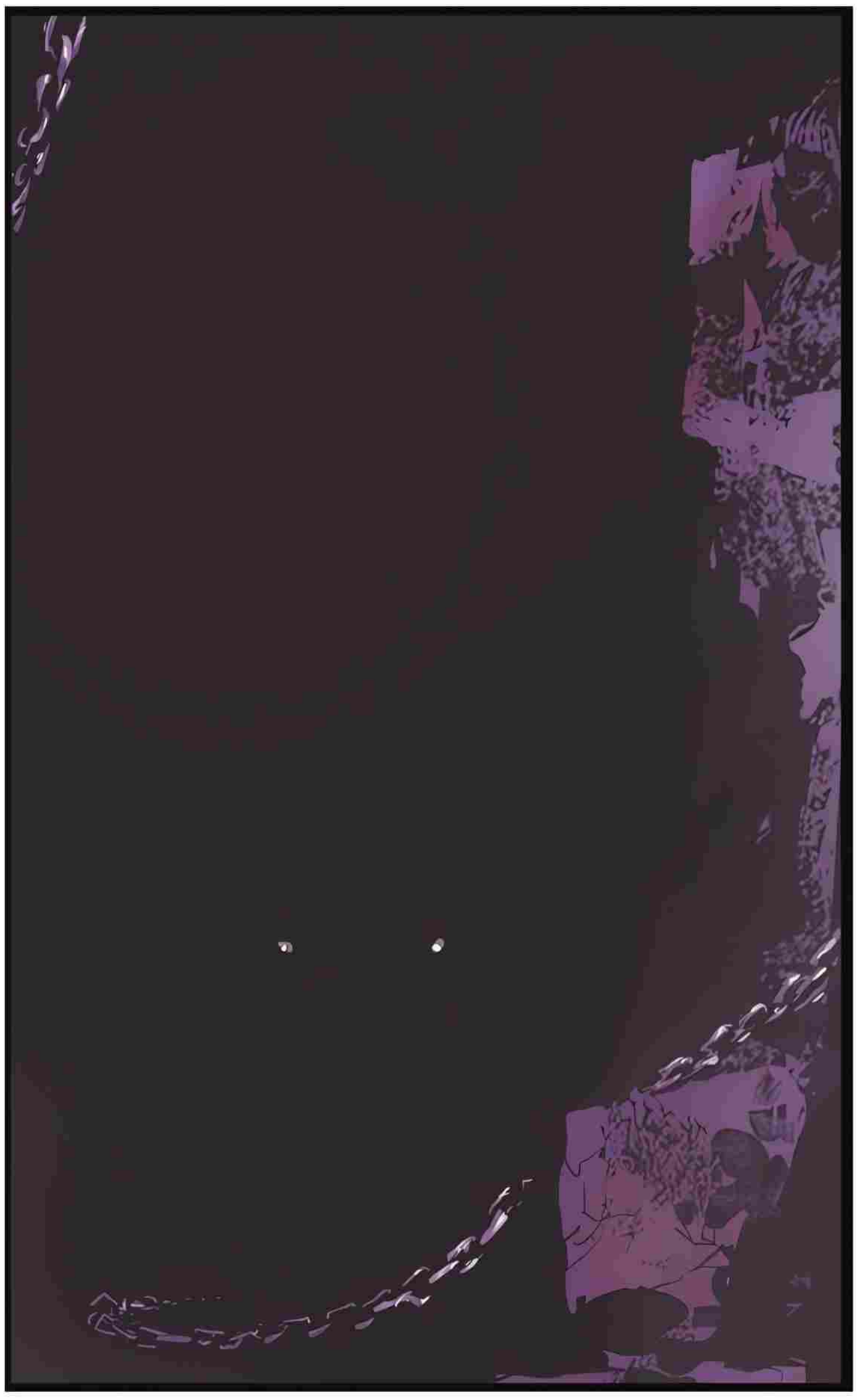

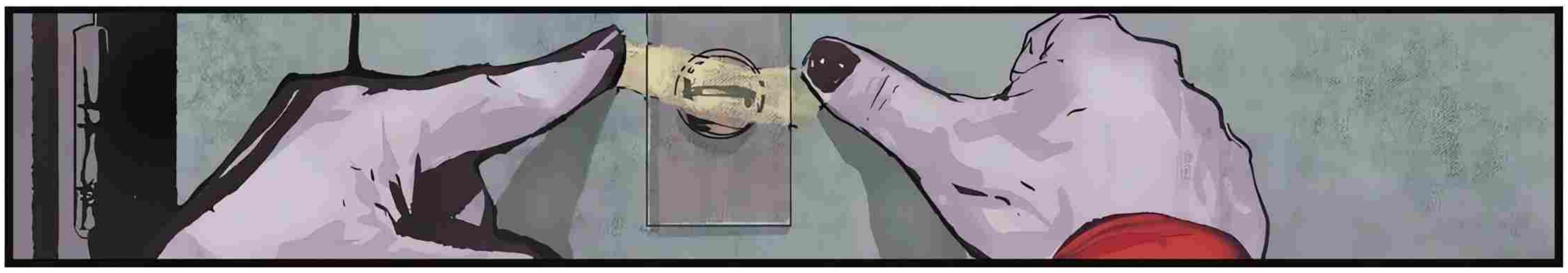

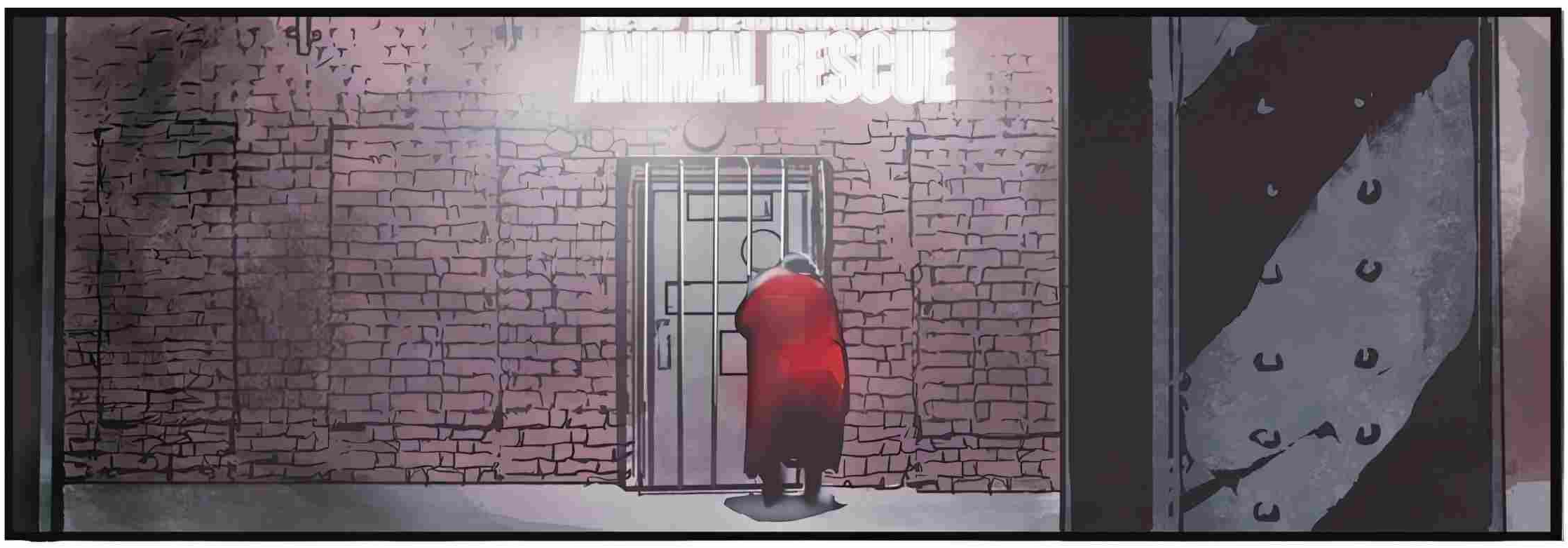
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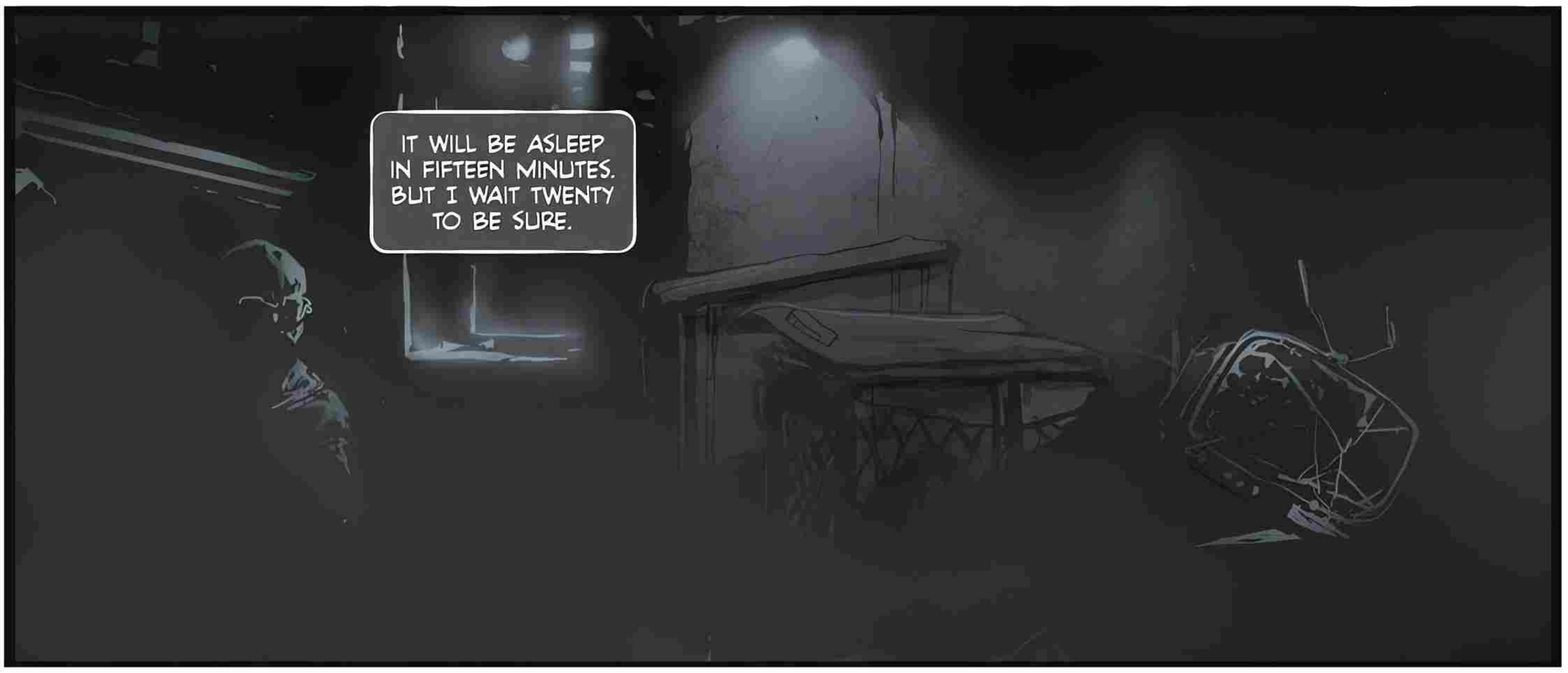
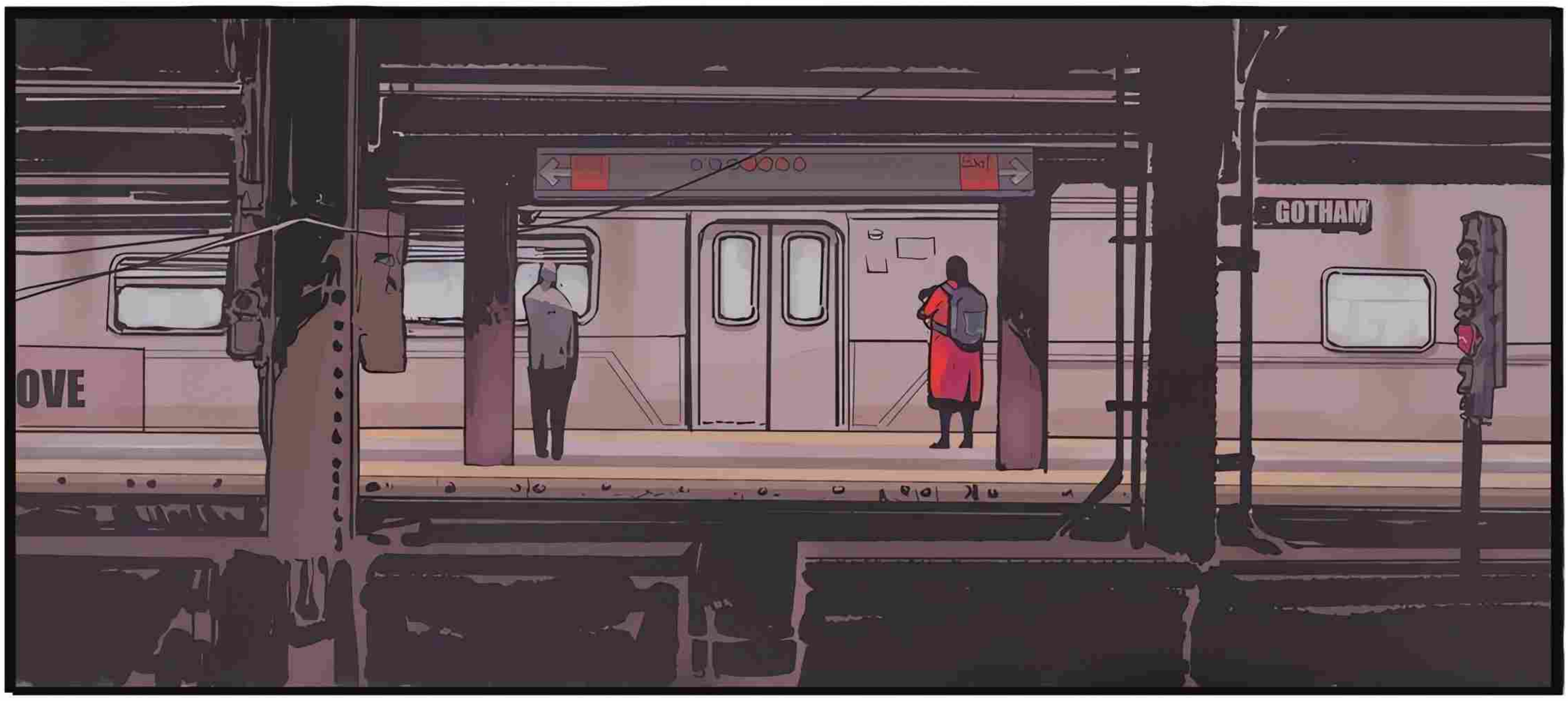

IT WILL BE ASLEEP IN FIFTEEN MINUTES. BUT I WAIT TWENTY TO BE SURE.

SHHHH.

SNAP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GOTHAM

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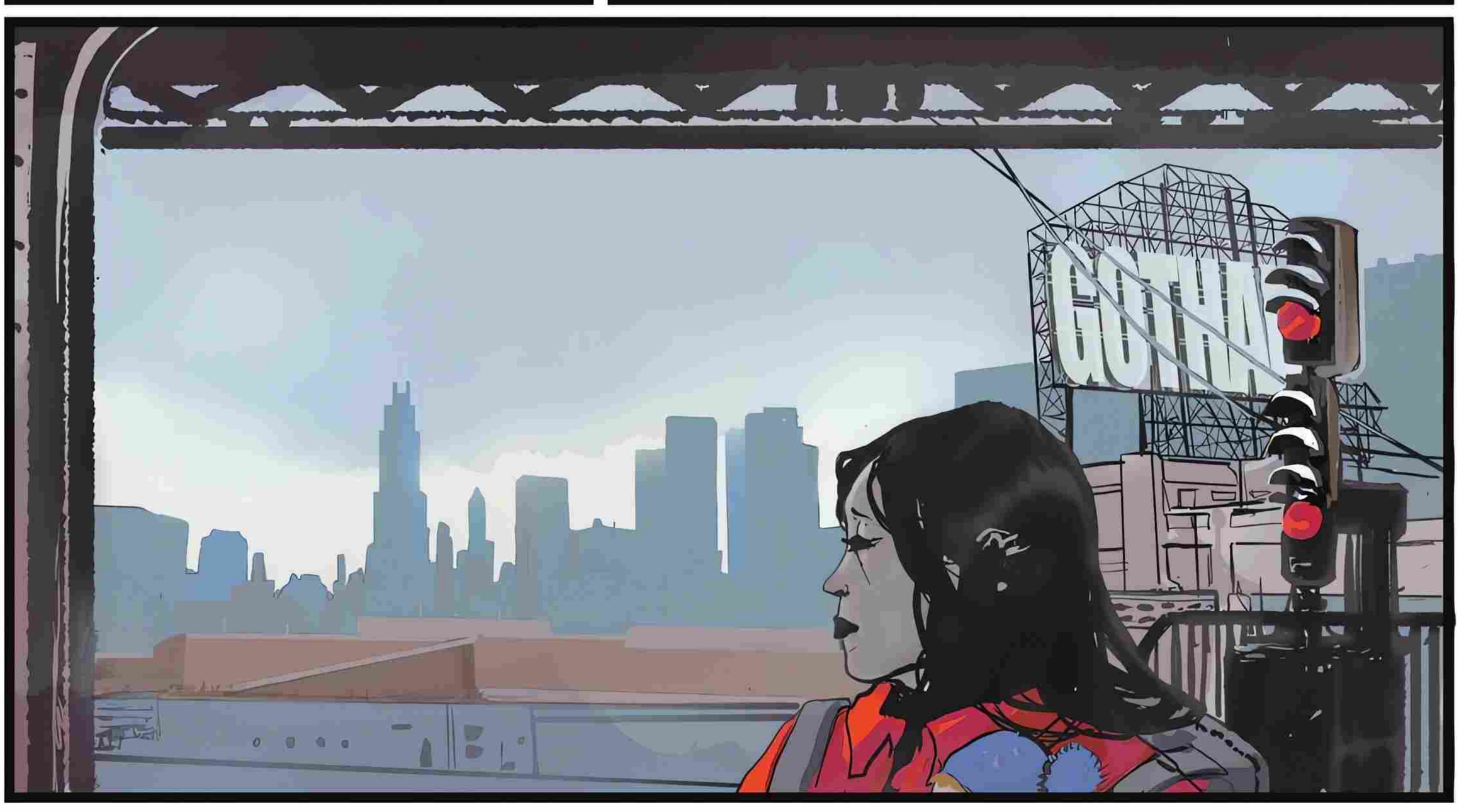

GOTHAM

31st Oct HAPPY HALLOWEEN

MYNAMEISWAR
This is it! 02:20PM Thur 31st Oct

Gothamaxe
Thank god I found you! 02:20PM Thur 31st Oct

FOLLOWERS: 185
FOLLOWING: 0

PARAKER
Our time has come! 02:22PM Thur 31st Oct

DAY/DATE | TAX-CREDIT & OTHER FUNDING | VAT REPAYMENTS | MISCELLANEOUS | EXTRA CAPITAL INTRODUCED | CHEQUES, CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS | NATURE OF PAYMENT

SUN I WAKE UP. I FEEL CLEAR. Strong. READY.
MON MY whole LIFE hAS LEd ME to thiS.
TUES

YOU MATTER

WEEK OF THE YEAR
WEEK ENDED
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM BUSINESS OR PROFESSION
03rd of/rd November
I am Enough

YOU MATTER

TOTAL UP TO THIS WEEK
TOTAL TO DATE

YOU ??

You Matter ??

SHHHH. JUST BREATHE, EDWARD.

RENEWAL

FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

I CAN BARELY CONTAIN MYSELF. MY HEART BEATS SO LOUD, I WONDER IF THE WHOLE OFFICE CAN HEAR IT?

I SIT HERE AND I VISUALIZE.

EVERY PART OF THE PLAN, LIKE TINY DOMINOES FALLING, UNFOLDING LIKE A MAGIC TRICK.

I WALK THROUGH THE DREAM AGAIN AND AGAIN, EACH TIME IRONING OUT ANY WRINKLES THAT MAY OCCUR, TILL I CAN SEE IT PERFECTLY.

JUDGMENT DAY IS FINALLY HERE!

CAN'T WASTE TIME ON MICE.

ZACH MORLEY JUNIOR DIVISION DIRECTOR

Gotham Lonely Hearts

ZACH

You have a new message!

WHAT TH--

BUT I CAN MAKE SURE THEY WILL BE THERE.

THERE WE GO.

Maggie 27 »
PhD student

ZACH

31st October

See you at the election party! /

BETTER NOT TELL HER I DIDN'T VOTE!

GOODBYE.

OH! WHO LEFT THE WATER ON?
FUCKING LIGHTS.
JOON! GET YOUR ASS BACK HERE! WHAT THE FUCK IS GOING ON UP THERE?

HUH?

You know how Mr. Falcone gets rid of his bodies, Don't You?

WHAT TH--

HSSSSSS

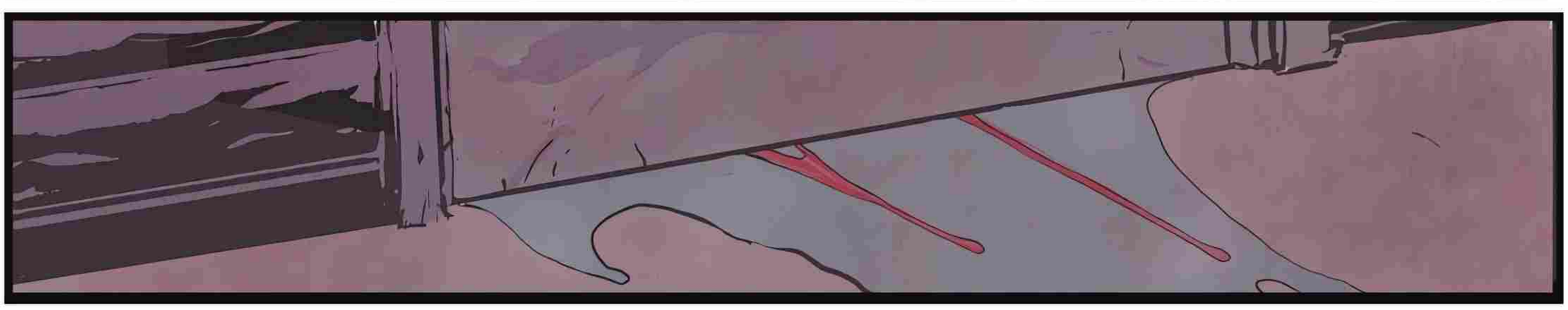
HOLY SHIT!

SPLOOSH

BAM

BLAM

AHHHHHH!



bzzz
bzzz

YES?

MR. STONE? WE GOT A PROBLEM DOWN AT NEW BEGINNINGS. APPARENTLY SOME FLOODING.

AND WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME AND NOT A PLUMBER?

ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS APPARENTLY SAW BLOOD IN IT. CALLED THE COPS.

JESUS.

HOW MUCH PRODUCT WAS BACK THERE?

I DON'T KNOW, CHIEF. BUT WE GOT A BIGGER PROBLEM.

HIGGINS IS DEAD.

PLUS, WE HAVE TO ASSUME A SHIPMENT IS LOST. **SOMEONE'S** GONNA HAVE TO TAKE THE FALL FOR THIS.

DID THEY FIND ANYTHING ELSE IN THE BACK ROOM?

SHOULD I BE WORRIED THAT THEY DID?

CALM DOWN. I'LL SEND AN EXTRA DONATION TO PETE AND MAKE SURE HIS DEPARTMENT TAKES GOOD CARE OF THE SCENE.

AND WHAT ABOUT MR. FALCONE? WHO'S GONNA COVER THE LOSSES?

RENEWAL

UM...

RENE

P R O

Email Address

Enter Your En

Password

Enter Your P

Personal database

CHIEF?

Co ial

Confidential

Last login 10:49pm

RENEW

ial

ial

UM. I'M...I'M GOING TO HAVE TO CALL YOU BACK.

Confidential

IT'S YOUR TURF, CHIEF. YOU GOT SOMEONE WHO'S GONNA COVER FOR HIM? OR BETTER YET, FOR YOU?

escue >

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10k USD
Joon
Higgins

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v
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Political Funds

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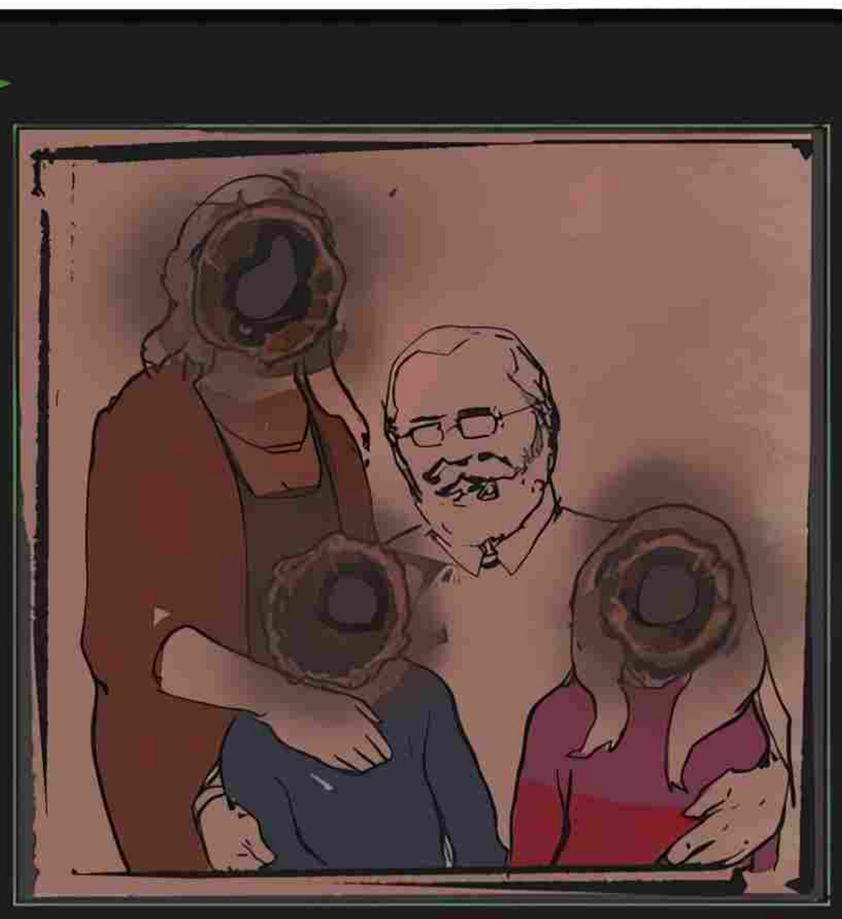

WHAT WILL THEY THINK?

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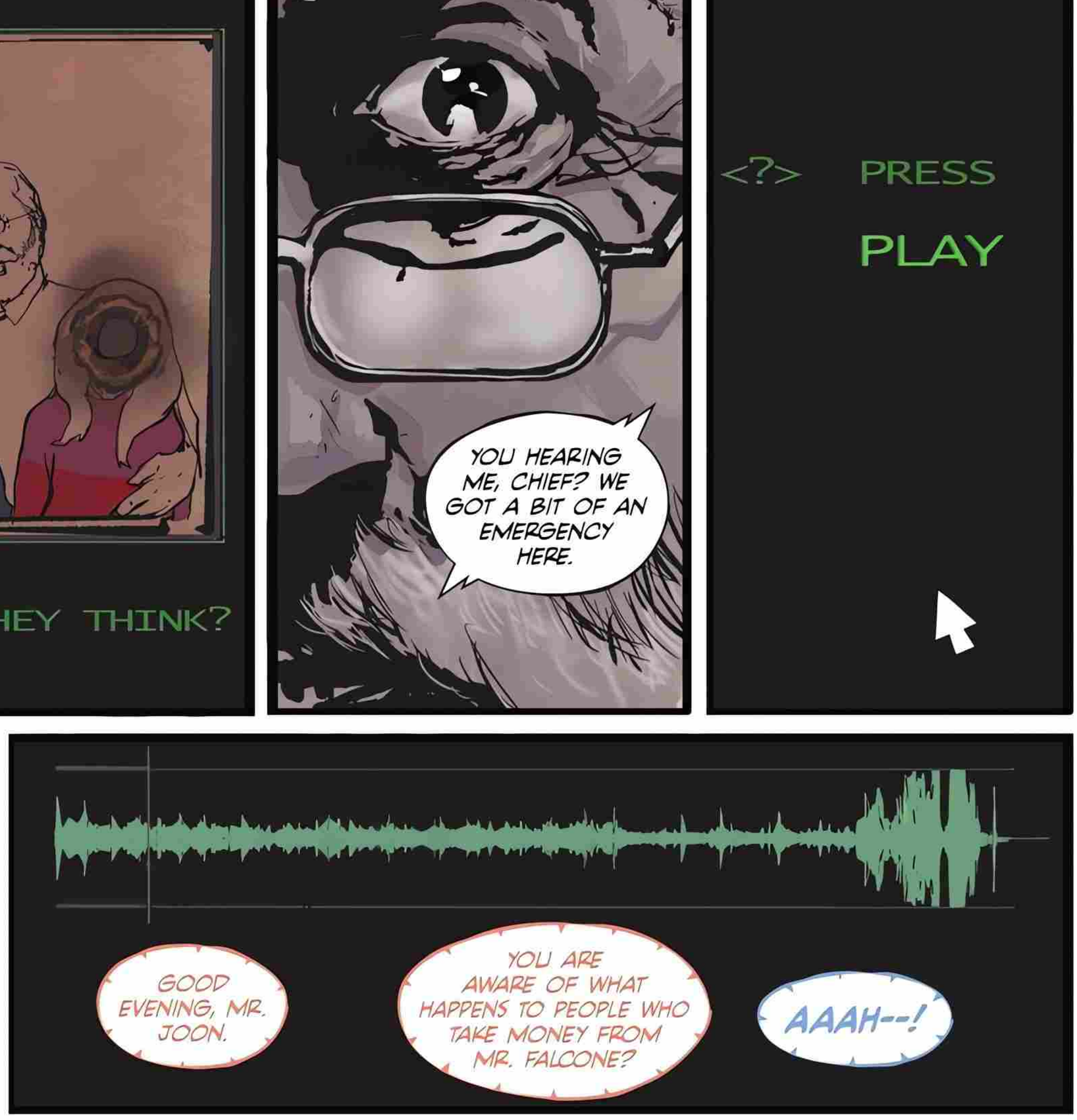
<?> PRESS PLAY

?> PRESS PLAY



> CLICK HERE TO SEND TO YOUR FAMILY.

<?> CLICK HERE TO SEND TO MR. FALCONE.

I BELIEVE IN GOTHAM.

I BELIEVE IN ITS PROMISE.

BUT TOO MANY HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND FOR TOO LONG.

AND THAT'S WHY I AM HERE TODAY.

TO *RENEW* THE PROMISE OF THIS CITY.

I'M SORRY

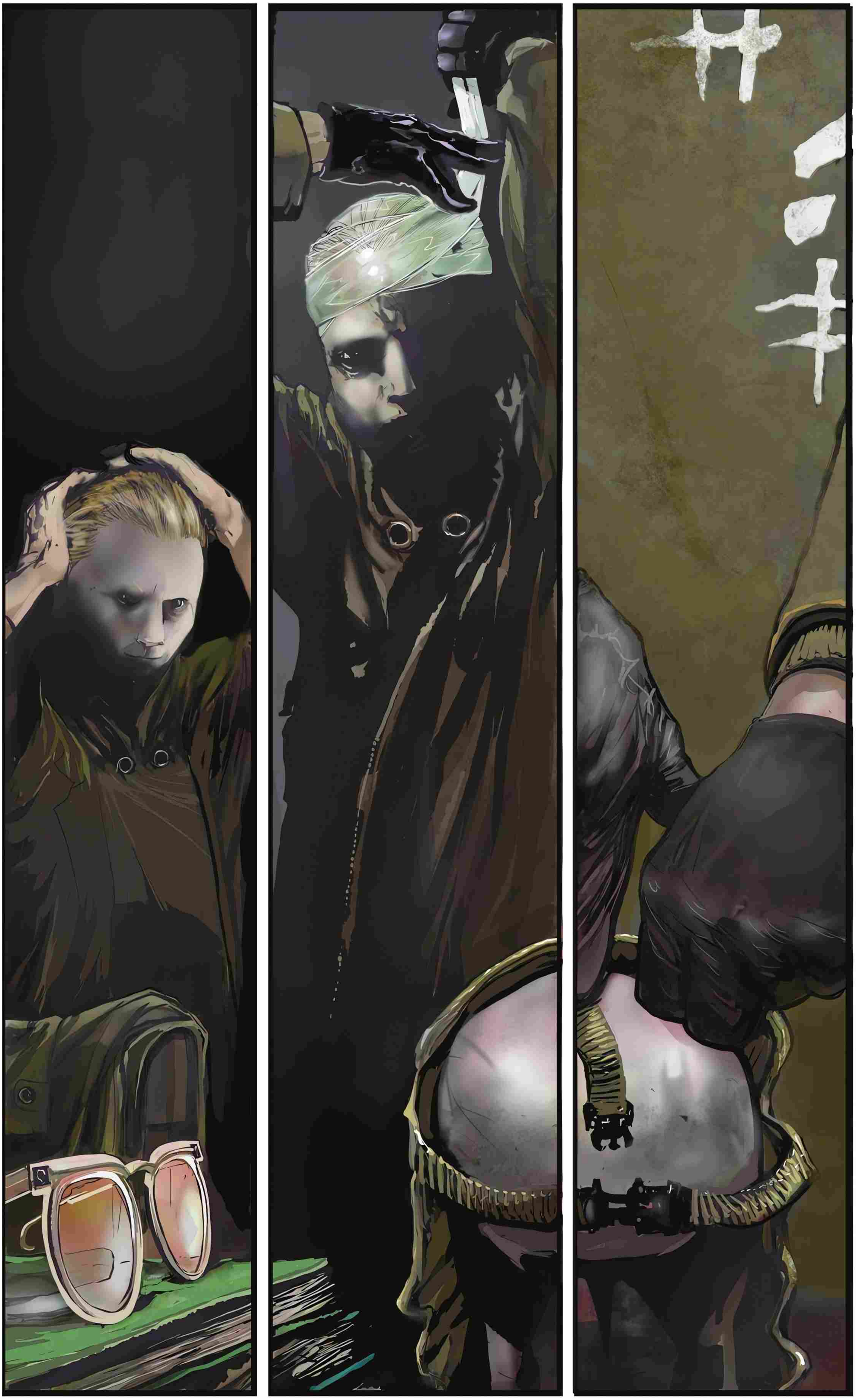
REMEMBER THE MAN YOU KNEW

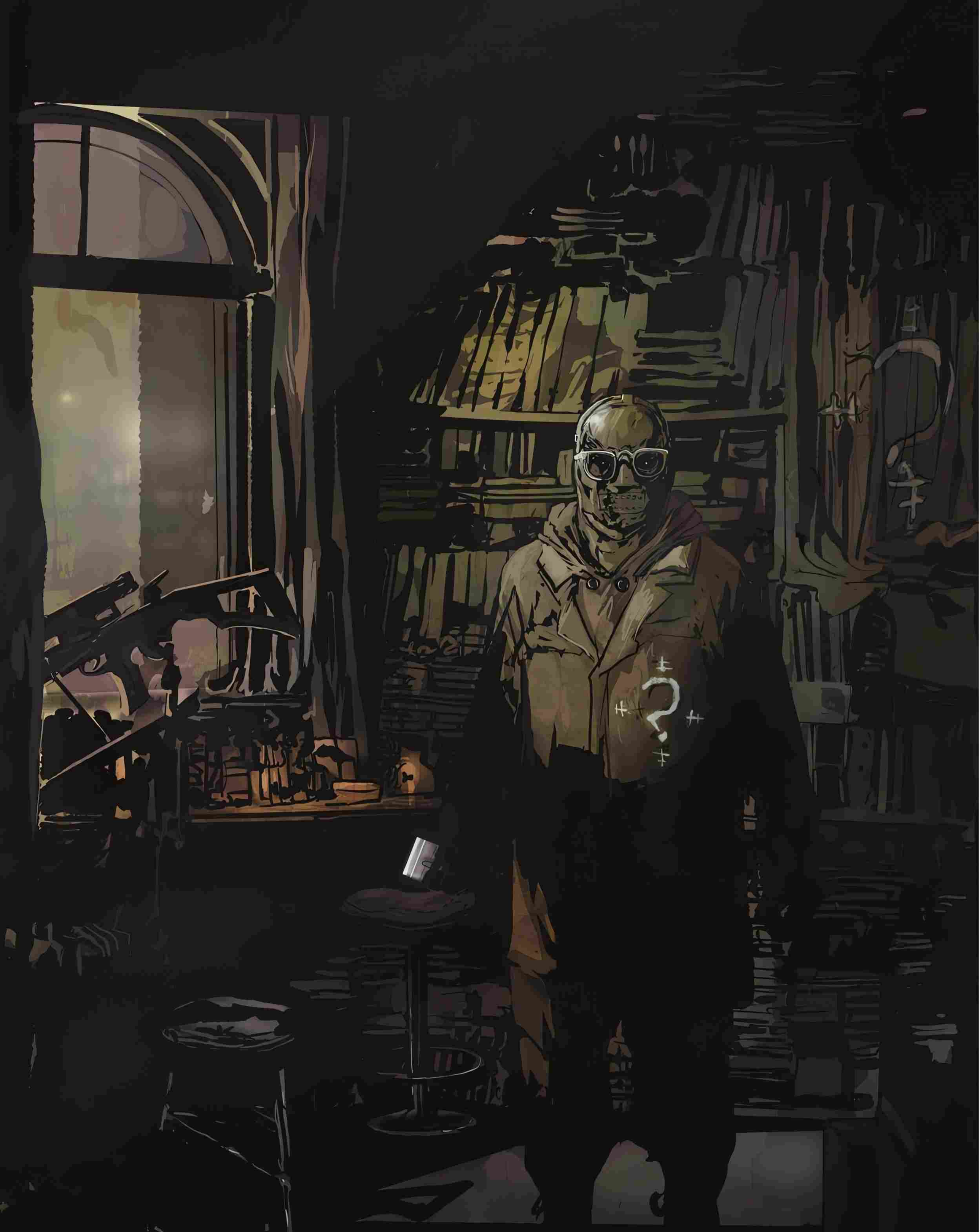
TONIGHT YOUR LIGHT WILL SHINE FOR ME.

TONIGHT YOU WILL HEAR MY CALL.

WILL YOU ANSWER?

SEE YOU SOON, FRIEND.

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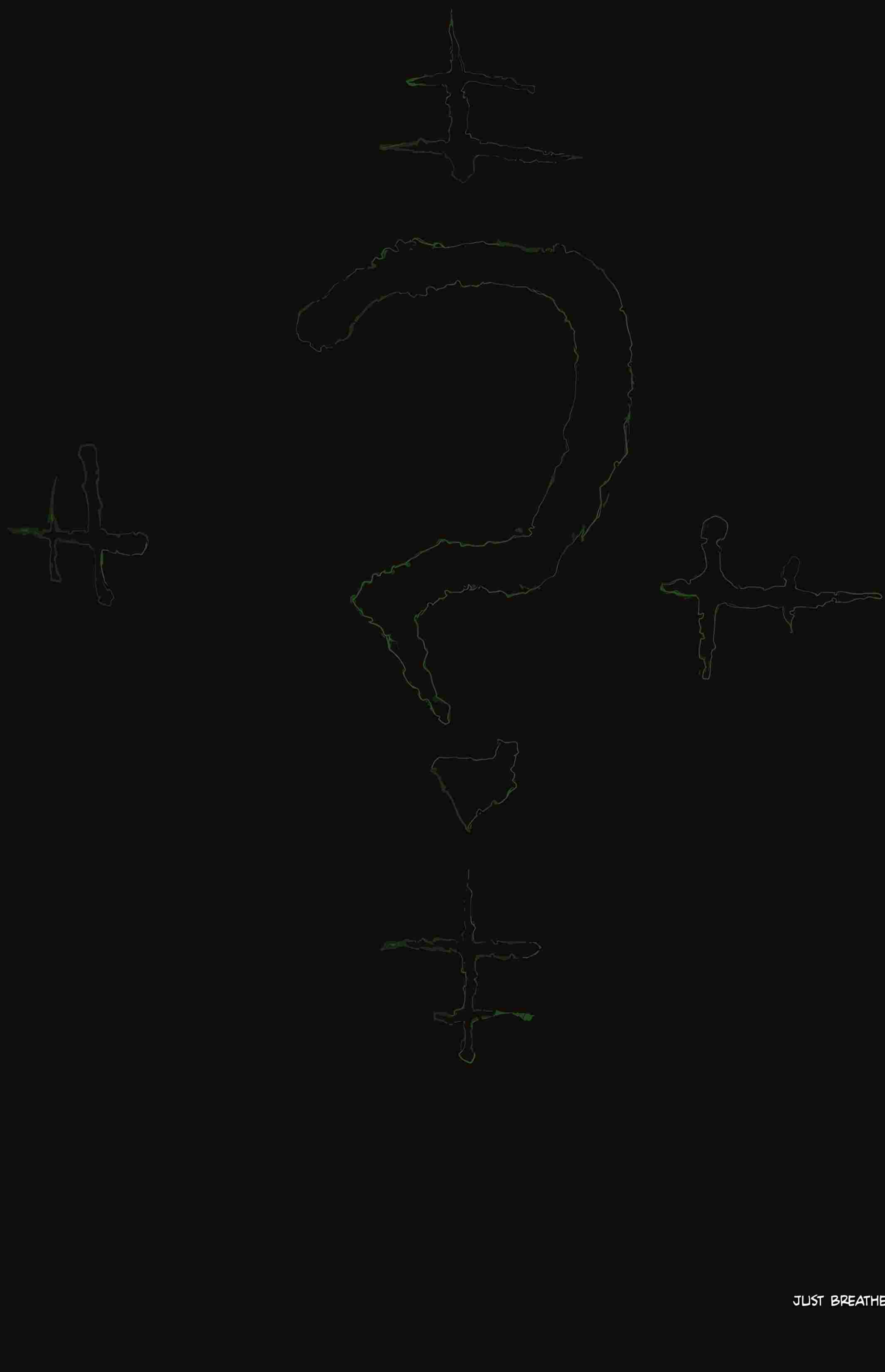

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